

## **CLAIMS**

### **What Is Claimed Is:**

- 1 1. A portable keyboard, comprising:
  - 2 a base having a reduced-size housing with a standard-size key
  - 3 arrangement held in the reduced-size housing;
  - 4 a cover removably held on the reduced-size housing;
  - 5 the reduced-size housing including portions cooperating with other
  - 6 portions on the cover to allow the cover to be removed from and put on the
  - 7 reduced-size housing; and
  - 8 the cover adapted to support the reduced-size housing in selected
  - 9 positions when removed from the reduced-size housing.
- 1 2. The portable keyboard of claim 1 wherein the cover has an open U-
- 2 shaped configuration to enable it to be moved onto and off the reduced-size
- 3 housing.
- 1 3. The portable keyboard of claim 2 wherein the standard-size key
- 2 arrangement comprises only typing keys, a numeric keypad and function keys.
- 1 4. The portable keyboard of claim 3 wherein the reduced-size housing
- 2 includes slots formed along elongated sides and the cover includes flanges
- 3 formed at lower ends of side edges.
- 1 5. The portable keyboard of claim 1, further including raised ears formed
- 2 along one side of the cover which cooperate with flattened portions formed in a
- 3 bottom of the reduced-size housing to support the reduced-size housing and
- 4 the standard-size keyboard in an angled position when the cover is removed
- 5 from the reduced-size housing.

1 6. The portable keyboard of claim 5, further including slots formed along  
2 elongated sides of the reduced-size housing and the cover includes flanges  
3 formed at lower ends of side edge.

1 7. The portable keyboard of claim 6 wherein the cover has an open U-  
2 shaped configuration to enable it to be slid onto and off the reduced-size  
3 housing by cooperation of the flanges with the slots.

1 8. The portable keyboard of claim 7 wherein the standard-size key  
2 arrangement only includes typing keys, a numeric keypad and function keys.

1 9. The portable keyboard of claim 1 wherein the cover comprises a  
2 substantially flat top with an extending portion on one side to cover and  
3 cooperate with a holding portion on the reduced-size housing to firmly capture  
4 a USB connector therebetween when the cover is in a closed position on the  
5 reduced-size housing.

1 10. The portable keyboard of claim 9, further including slots formed along  
2 elongated sides of the reduced-size housing and the cover includes flanges  
3 formed at lower ends of side edges.

1 11. The portable keyboard of claim 1, further including slots formed along  
2 elongated sides of the reduced-size housing and the cover includes flanges  
3 formed at lower ends of side edges; the cover having an open U-shaped  
4 configuration to enable it to be slid onto and off the reduced-size housing by  
5 cooperation of the flanges with the slots; and the standard-size key  
6 arrangement only includes typing keys, a numeric keypad and function keys.

1 12. A portable keyboard, comprising:  
2 a base having a reduced-size housing with a standard-size key  
3 arrangement held in the reduced-size housing;  
4 a cover slidably held on the reduced-size housing;  
5 the reduced-size housing including portions cooperating with portions on  
6 the cover to allow the cover to be slidably removed from and put on the  
7 reduced-size housing; and  
8 the cover adapted to support the reduced-size housing in selected  
9 positions when removed from the reduced-size housing.

1 13. The portable keyboard of claim 12, further including raised ears formed  
2 along one side of the cover which cooperate with flattened portions formed in a  
3 bottom of the reduced-size housing to support the reduced-size housing and  
4 the keyboard in an angled position when the cover is removed from the  
5 reduced-size housing.

1 14. The portable keyboard of claim 13 wherein the cover comprises a  
2 substantially flat top with an extending portion on one side to cover and  
3 cooperate with a holding portion on the reduced-size housing to firmly capture  
4 a USB connector therebetween when the cover is slid into a closed position on  
5 the reduced-size housing.

1 15. The portable keyboard of claim 12, further including raised ears formed  
2 along one side of the cover which cooperate with flattened portions formed in a  
3 bottom of the reduced-size housing to support the housing and the standard-  
4 size keyboard in an angled position when the cover is removed from the  
5 reduced-size housing.

1 16. The portable keyboard of claim 15 wherein the standard-size key  
2 arrangement only includes typing keys, a numeric keypad and function keys.

1 17. The portable keyboard 12, further including slots formed along elongated  
2 sides of the reduced-size housing and the cover includes flanges formed at  
3 lower ends of side edges and wherein the cover has an open U-shaped  
4 configuration to enable it to be slid onto and off the reduced-size housing.

1 18. A portable keyboard, comprising:  
2 a base having a housing with a standard-size key arrangement held in  
3 the reduced-size housing;  
4 a cover slidably held on a plurality of slots formed along elongated sides  
5 of the reduced-size housing;  
6 the cover including flanges formed at lower ends of side edges  
7 cooperating with the plurality of slots; and  
8 the cover adapted to support the reduced-size housing in selected  
9 positions when removed from the reduced-size housing.

1 19. The portable keyboard of claim 18, further including raised ears formed  
2 along one side of the cover which cooperate with flattened portions formed in a  
3 bottom of the reduced-size housing to support the housing and the standard-  
4 size keyboard in an angled position when the cover is removed from the  
5 reduced-size housing.

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1 20. The portable keyboard of claim 18 wherein the cover comprises a  
2 substantially flat top with an extending portion on one side to cover and  
3 cooperate with a holding portion on the reduced-size housing to firmly capture  
4 a USB connector therebetween when the cover is slid into a closed position on  
5 the reduced-size housing.